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FULLAWAY AND SUPPRESSION.

Mr. Fullaway has left the employ of the Citizens' committee because his protests as an entomologist against courses taken in the name of entomology were not heeded and because publication of the news of his withdrawal from responsibility for them was not made. But he is in error when he charges "the press" with blame for this suppression. The Star, for one, had no word of Mr. Fullaway's change of base and if the news was "kept dark" the blame lies somewhere between Mr. Fullaway and the committee itself. We cannot, of course, speak for other daily journals, but we can answer for the Star, which would have promptly published any communication on the subject from Mr. Fullaway and any data supplied by the committee.

Public interest, in this affair, will divide between the charge of news suppression and that of the suppression of scientific data which might reflect upon the wisdom of the banana crusade. The first subject was brought up on the same day in letters to the Star by Dr. W. T. Brigham and Hon. W. K. Castle. Dr. Brigham remarked in his letter of November 8: "There are papers here that are muzzled." Mr. Castle began his letter as follows:

Editor Star: The other day a short communication was addressed to the Advertiser on the health situation, criticizing to some extent some very important expressions of opinion made in that paper. The communication was not published. On the contrary, a polite note from the editor intimated that nothing of this kind could be published without the authority of the sanitation committee, which certainly seems to be a new condition of affairs.

Here is something to go by, and it will be remembered that, despite the letter-writing activity of the town expressing a sentiment common to the public, the morning paper has not published one word of the adverse comment and has been practically unable to collect letters of a favorable character.

Now as to the other feature. Nobody knows better than the editor of the Star of the roundabout and insidious efforts made to choke off free expression in this paper; and how even the vital news was kept from it as long as possible. A strenuous effort was made to prevent the text of the Yokohama cablegram about the Hongkong Maru case from reaching us or the public. One member of the committee who knew the contents would say nothing. Another member who had the message in charge went home sick. No one else would say a word, but finally the Star got the facts from Quarantine Island, which seemed to be outside the prescribed area of silence. Then came the open declarations of Mr. Swezey and Mr. Fullaway, Federal entomologists, of their inability to find mosquito larvae in bananas or to find yellow fever mosquitoes anywhere—specific evidence which the paid inspectors were bringing in by the jarful with the same joyous ease with which they had supplied the Mott-Smith board with data of mosquito inspections at the rate of one every two minutes for a whole fiscal year. Upon this the Citizens' committee cunningly contrived to engage the services of Messrs. Swezey and Fullaway and both gentlemen, as one of them informs us, were denied the privilege of sending anything to print without submitting it for final action by the committee. Naturally the committee let it go no further, and now comes the break with the entomologists who do not want to keep still when courses are taken in the name of their science which they cannot personally or professionally approve. It may be added that Dr. Wilcox, chief of the United States Agricultural Experiment Station, who agreed with Swezey and Fullaway, could not be got at with a muzzle.

A most unfortunate situation seems to have been created, one that may make it hard to get large appropriations for the Board of Health in the next Legislature, all because the Citizens' committee has chosen to antagonize public sentiment and scientific knowledge, at the advice of a very young enthusiast in the Marine Hospital Service and of an aged gargoyle-mixer in the army. There will be no muzzles on witnesses required by the Legislature, which may be the reason it won't be called into special session.

TIME FOR WIDER WORK.

The one decisive thing that the Citizens' Committee can do—the one thing which will relieve the Board of Health from the legislative effects of fast-growing public wrath—is to take its eye from the trifles of sanitation, the pursuit of which simply annoys the people, and fix it upon the great areas of mosquito production.

When the Legislature adjourned it left the Board of Health in possession of all the laws it asked for. The Board was free to bring condemnation suits and to proceed under the nuisance laws against the real breeding-places of the mosquito. A quarter of a million dollars extra was appropriated to such ends. Under this head the Board, with delegated powers, has, so far, achieved little; but it has been spending at least \$2000 a day in a crusade against bananas which, as Dr. Blue pointed out on his arrival here, might have been saved and prevented from breeding even the few mosquitoes they are alleged to yield, by the use of a simple wash. Two thousand dollars plus a day have now amounted to a sum which might have filled up the edges of some of our big swamps to deeper water, where the minnows take care of the larvae and have started plenty of suits against owners. Instead, chiefly at the instance of the over-ambitious Dr. Currie—who deserves a lemon instead of a gold watch—the money has been comparatively thrown away. With all the talk about killing the yellow fever mosquitoes with light, not one single private jungle—like that, for instance, on the Cleg-horn estate—has been attacked; nor has any serious assault been made on shaded swamp farming.

In fact the cost of banana campaigning for three days would pay for enough unshackled line to kill the larvae in every great breeding farm for mosquitoes within the limits of Honolulu. Unshackled line does the business far better than crude oil.

Yet, contrary to the expectations raised by last week's program of future broad work, a raid on commercial bananas as well as lilies and house gutters is now contemplated, and this with all those swamp farms still doing a mosquito-breeding business at the old stands and on the largest scale.

THE SERVICE UNIFORM.

It has been officially announced that no change is to be made at present in the color of the service uniforms of the army. Considerable pressure was brought to bear on the War Department to include some changes, but the General Staff refused to recommend any to the Secretary of War. The uniform question has been under serious consideration by military authorities for several months, and thorough tests have been made to determine the best color of uniform and equipment for all military purposes.

Tests were made in the Philippines to determine the relative absorption of solar heat by olive drab and khaki cotton cloths. The report is that the olive drab is not good material for use in the tropics in time of peace, and that the khaki fabric is much cooler. It was admitted by the medical officers, however, that the relative invisibility of the olive drab uniform might compensate in a campaign for their increased absorption of heat.

"From a sanitary point of view," says the report, "any change made should be in the direction of a lighter shade rather than a darker one. If any protection against chemical rays is needed—which is by no means proved—it should not be gained by using dark outer garments."

Regarding these views the quartermaster general says that the invisibility of the uniform is of first importance, and that the olive drab fades from view much sooner than the old style khaki. A further point in favor of the olive drab is the fact that the accoutrements of the soldier, such as knapsack and blanket roll, or of the same color and do not make the same contrast as with khaki.

As a further advantage of the woollen material, it does not show soil as soon as khaki, and requires less laundering. The quartermaster general recommended that no change be recommended in the color of the uniform unless it be the adoption of gray. The expression of these

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

I am coughing, mother, coughing, till my neck is out of joint, and I wish you'd bring the goosegrease, my worn bosom to anoint. I have coughed in ancient-lingos, I have coughed in modern-tongues, till my India rubber larynx seems to telescope my lungs. I've done ground and lofty coughing, all the plain and fancy kinds, till my coughing jarred the plaster and shook down the window blinds; I have coughed a counter-tenor, I have coughed a rumbling bass, I have coughed until my coughing blew the whiskers from my face. All the dope you've brought me, mother, simply fails to hit the spot; I have taken tons of tablets, demijohns of liquid rot; I have drunk the tea you brewed me, worn a poultice on my throat, and the doctor has my savings and the druggist has my goat. Let us change the treatment, mother; give me goose or gander grease; rub it on my tortured larynx and perhaps I'll die in peace.

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WALT MASON.

views resulted in further tests at West Point to determine the relative invisibility of the cadet gray and the olive drab uniforms. It was found that with the light green background of early spring the cadet gray was less visible than the olive drab, but that with all other backgrounds the olive drab was less visible.

The new uniform order will furnish the first official information of a definite character on the uniform and equipment to be worn by officers in the service. The order is indexed and deals with the most minute detail as to what is proper dress at all official and social affairs.

Sun Yat Sen and Lieutenant General Homer Lea haven't been rash about it. Dispatches say that they are just leaving London. All the ammunition will be fired off long before they reach the danger zone.

Perhaps the banana victims will feel like bringing their own lawsuits in their own way, rather than have imitation ones brought by collusion and with a view to heading off real complainants.

The cost of frequent appeals to the people, under the initiative, referendum and recall, has already set an anti-high tax society afoot.

The Star hopes that no one will worry over alleged fever suspects. Their production is a part of the game.

At least Mr. Fullaway can say that he is no more "full of bugs" than the banana plants are of larvae.

As yet nobody has told us why Dr. Gorgas raises bananas about the Zone hospitals and schools.

Sarah Bernhardt's fiance has the distinction of being no older than her youngest grandson.

A mosquito crusade and a banana crusade are very different things.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ED. TOWSE—Superintendent Starrett can deliver the goods. I heard him offer a dealer 100 tons of corn from Hawaii this morning.

MARSTON CAMPBELL—The extension of the Kahului railroad from Paia to the Haku lands will be of immense benefit to homesteaders.

DR. PRATT—Yes, the Board of Health officials are kept busy nowadays. The mosquito inspectors are all working on the special staff at present.

G. G. GUILD—It seems impossible to get C. R. Hemenway's handicap in the Monaco Tennis Club's coming tournament correct. The player in question is in Class B and his handicap is minus half of fifteen.

DR. HAND—The local mail runners would make much better time if they were to train properly for the event. This they have failed to do in the past and that is why so few men in the islands can beat five minutes today.

JOHN O'BROURKE—We shall have good racing in Hilo on New Year's Day and will try and give visitors the time of their lives. The Scotch football players are already getting in shape to give the Honolulu team their annual drubbing.

E. M. EHRHORN—While in San Francisco, I made it my business to visit all the shippers and commission merchants, who send fruit and vegetables to Honolulu, and explained fully our requirements regarding all shipments made. This last matter needs attention, for, although we have written to those who overlooked sending the lists, we did not get any satisfaction from them. My personal visit seems to have given results, for, since my return, our lists have almost doubled in number. I also took particular pains in looking over the shipments of pineapples and bananas which arrived during my visit, finding these in good form for improvement. Careless packing and poor fruit, either infested with scale or showing decay spots, should receive the attention of the shipper at this end, otherwise the California inspectors will surely stop all future shipments. It seems to me that, if we are to continue pineapple and banana shipments to the Coast, the leading shippers could get together and either advise or supervise the less informed shipper so as to obviate the loss of future delivery.

"Under The Coconut Tree"

By H. M. Ayres.

About the only place near town to see a real banana these days is at Moanaha.

The giant lilies have been convicted of being water-holders and mosquito-larvae breeders. There was a magnificent stand of these stately but dangerous plants in the Dillingham yard.

It is now in order for the Board of Health to order the cutting down of every banyan tree in town, if for no other reason than that there is a dangerous similarity between the first syllable of the name of this tree and that of the banana.

The Board of Health may now be expected to issue a rule that the recently devastated bananas can only be replaced by other plants under the supervision of the officers of the board and members of the Citizens' Sanitation Committee.

The cases of the royal and coconut palms will now be tried. It's a safe bet that no move will be made toward their destruction. They are not poor people's trees and their owners can afford to raise a ruction which would

knock the recent tomfoolery of the Board of Health into the middle of the week after next.

The military luna of the banana-shaking gang which devastated Sixth avenue, Kaimuki, and the surrounding district, is said to have complained that the Board of Health authorities were surprised and disappointed at his work, in that he failed to report having found any wrigglers in the banana trees which came under his notice.

There was an interesting tale of the sale of a whale in a recent Daily Mail.

It is quite probable that the epidemic of hay fever about town is in large measure due to the tons of decaying vegetation lying in the roadways.

That Palama genius who put rat-guards on his sunflowers to keep the rodents away would probably put sun-bonnets on his rat-traps.

The report is about due that either the Chicago Cubs or White Sox may come to Hawaii for winter practice.

It hasn't failed us for the past 'steen years.

Yesterday's Star was greater but later.

That watch which was presented to Dr. Currie yesterday should have been accompanied by a banana charm.

The mother of the Emperor of China is reported to have eloped with an actor. It was probably the moving picture man who has been making films of incidents of the revolution.

It's risky work being tarred and feathered about Thanksgiving time. One might be mistaken for a turkey.

Prizefighter Bill Papke is said to have quit. It isn't the first time he has done so.

The troops needed to garrison the proposed fortifications should Jamaica.

The Alexander Young Hotel management tied the bull outside this morning.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

JUST A SUGGESTION.
Editor Star: After the Board of Health got through carting away bananas they might then take away a dead horse which has been lying for a week not a hundred miles from Kinau street.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE First Judicial Circuit, Territory of Hawaii, At Chambers, In Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Crewes, deceased.

ON READING AND FILING the petition of Mary A. Crewes, of the City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, Executrix of the Will of James Crewes, late of Honolulu aforesaid, deceased, wherein she asks to be allowed the sum of \$36.25 and charges herself with the sum of \$2,521.09, and asks that the same may be examined and approved, and that a final order may be made of distribution of the property remaining in her hands to the persons entitled thereto and discharging her from all further and future responsibility and liability under trust as such Executrix.

IT IS ORDERED that Tuesday, the 26th day of December, 1911, at ten o'clock a. m., before the Judge of said Court, at the Court Room of said Court at Honolulu aforesaid, be and the same hereby is appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition and accounts, and that all persons interested may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted, and may present evidence as to who are entitled to the said property.

Dated, November 16, 1911.
By the Court:
(Seal) V. M. HARRISON, Clerk.
HOLMES, STANLEY & OLSON,
Attorneys for Petitioner.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The undersigned, having been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of John Fernandez, deceased, hereby gives notice to all creditors to present their claims duly authenticated, and with proper vouchers if any exist, even if the same is secured by mortgage upon real estate, to the undersigned at the office of her attorney, Frank Andrade, 844 Kaahumanu street, Honolulu, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice said date being the 10th day of October, 1911, or a same will be forever barred.

FRANCISCA FERNANDEZ,
Administratrix of the Estate of John Fernandez, Deceased, intestate.

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